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I, William A. Johnston, registered patent attorney, acting in a representative capacity under the provisions of §1.34, do hereby declare that the application under examination, Appl. No. 10/711,566, and the reference cited by the Examiner, published application US 2003/0046852, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,755,054, are currently owned by the same Assignee, i.e., Master Lock Company, and that a co-inventor, i.e., Glenn Meekma, named in the application under examination is a prior co-inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104 of U.S. Patent No. 6,755,054.

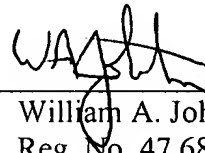
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